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This week's topics:

1. Should we have to wear masks after we get our Covid shots? Why or why not?
2. How easy has it been to get the Covid shot(s)?
3. What do you believe makes for being a good person.
4. Who was the valedictorian of your class?
5. Memories of De Molay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters. Join the Masons or Eastern Star?
6. Quit driving at night? Why?
7. What was the highlight of your week?
8. Cold weather last week affect you? How? Live in Texas?
9. Which of your family members are you most like? How?
10. Think the Mars mission will find evidence of life? Why?
11. Going to Celebrate St Patrick's day? How?

12. Topic for next week?

and responses:

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In answer to your question on how easy it has been to obtain the COVID shot. In a word: difficult. This should have been a straight forward process, but up here in Hayward, Wisconsin it is not.

They at first said contact your health care provider. When I did, I asked to be put on their list. I was informed there was no list. They are based in Minnesota, so one has to assume any vaccine they received went there first. It did not come here. Probably have to prove you are a Viking fan before getting on that list. (I am not that desperate).

Then we found out the County was starting "a list". After several phone calls and no answer there. No web list either. In the newspaper it said the County had over 2000 names on their list. We finally were able to contact a person at the County and now believe we are on their "list".

We were informed that a few folks received theirs at Walgreen's. At the store, again told no list exists. Called their 800 number-no lists. Went to their web site many times: "no shots for the next three days" and no way to sign up. We also heard that a person was going between Walgreen stores up here with vaccines in their trunk. Sounds like the old medicine man days.

In contrast, one of our sons in Indiana went to a state web site, was shown a selection of available times and signed up that day for an appointment in two weeks. He went to their convention center and was out in 20 minutes, with an appointment for the second shot.

We might have done better here in 1918.

Thanks for your great efforts on the newsletter. Always interesting.

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1. Masks have the same efficacy in stopping the virus as cyclone fence has in keeping mosquitoes out of Witter Field. - Went to Costco and was told I had to put mask over nose. Refused since then I can't breathe. Was then offered face shield! - Left Costco will never go back. Baaaaaaa!
2. I won't get it. Susan got hers fairly easily.
 - a. Bad reaction to Asiatic flu virus shot in 1959
 - b. Bad reaction to Army immunizations in 1970
4. Three of the-all Straight As for four years
 - a. Betty Parsons
 - b. Susan Peaslee
 - c. Tom Dekarske
 - d. I thought Marcia Rokus was as well
 - e. Ann Ritchie had to be stuck with only 1 B
 - f. Dave Nelson would have been all As had he not flopped around in Lubbock, Texas for three years
 - g. Lynn Schroder had to be close
 - h. Kalpana Sharma from Nagpur India must have had all As
6. Still like to drive at night
7. Valentine's Day. Susan was born 12/31 and gets shorted on Christmas and Birthday presents so I issued executive order to extend birthday years ago.
8. Doesn't get very cold in Louisville. Had 5" of snow so I had to shovel off the practice range. All my shag balls are out in the snow.
11. Last year we had to say goodbye to our 15 year old Golden, Bailey. Susan might have a few drinks this year in remembrance and I'll drive.

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1. It is not clear if you can still transmit the disease even after getting the COVID-19 immunizations. Therefore, better safe than being sorry you infected a friend or relative. In addition, wearing a mask sends a message for others to wear masks.
2. I went online and in addition made a lot of calls, but eventually I got a call back to get the 1st shot (Pfizer). I am scheduled for my 2nd shot this week so I will be flying back to Wisconsin from Florida to get the 2nd shot. I'll be home for 24 hours and then fly back to Bonita Springs, Fla.

I retired December 31st after 21 years in the Milwaukee County DA's office, 8 years as the United States Attorney (for eastern Wis) and then 21 years as Executive Director of a nonprofit organization serving 10,000 low income children and families in Milwaukee.

Since then my wife and I are still playing lots of tennis, and we picked up a new sport - pickleball. Yesterday morning we played tennis and this morning we played pickleball - a great new sport. We played at the courts in Naples, Fla where the national championships are held. They have 64 courts. Lots of fun and a great workout. Stay healthy and best wishes to all.

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1. I will continue to wear a mask. keep social distancing and wash my hands. I don't worry about getting the virus now, but certainly don't want to give it to anyone. Someday when it is decided we don't need masks anymore I will stop. For now it doesn't cost me anything and is not an inconvenience; so if it helps others why not.

2. Fairly easy. In mid January while at my Doctors office I asked when the covid vaccine would be available up north. They gave me a number to call and i called and got an appointment the following Monday. I was not expecting it that fast. Then again I am 74 so i guess I qualify for Senior category..

3. Consideration for others. Doing what is right. Respect.

6. Still driving at night. Driving day or night in any weather doesn't bother me that much. Prefer not to drive in bad weather or rush hour traffic of course, but can if needed. Most of driving is up north or on rural interstate. I leave the radio off so its a peaceful and quiet time.

7. Highlight this week was getting my second shot and it not bothering me.. Shoulder was a little sore but no bad symptoms as some have warned about. Looking forward to be able to use vaccination record to travel without the testing. Worry about false positives and being stuck somewhere.

8. It was cold but have been though that many times. Bummer to have it cold for so many days in a row. Spent two days up at Ashland and then had to drive over to Minocqua to get shot. 23 degrees below zero. Car started every time. Car sat for a couple of days once and started right up. Once it gets below zero its cold. Dress

appropriate. Got a great nephew in Austin. Havent heard from the family how he is doing. Glad I am retired. As an animal keeper I was out every day in that weather. It was all outside work. Frozen water tanks and bowls.. Cold steel gates and frozen locks, Circuit breakers blown and having to thaw stuff out; and you can't do it wearing heavy gloves. Miss my animals but don't miss working in the cold.

10. Mars mission is interesting. It helps keep our interest in the world going and develop ongoing technologies I am looking forward to see what the Rover comes up with.

11. If all goes well I will be over by Red Wing MN down to La Crosse WI looking for eagles along the Mississippi. Maybe corned beef and cabbage at a local diner.

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1. We still need to wear masks because full affect of the vaccine isn't obtained for perhaps several weeks or longer. Hopefully enough people—at least 65%—will get vaccinated in order to reach herd immunity.

2. I have received both my Pfizer vaccines. I signed up at four sites and heard from Meijer supermarket first. It didn't take long at all. I did not even register on line; I went directly to the store (as well as two nearby health departments) and filled out a simple form.

6. I still drive at night. I had left eye cataract surgery just over a year ago which helped a lot. I had hoped to get it done on my right eye last fall but I suffered a retinal bleed in that eye. Up to date I've had eight shots in my eye and have had good results. They don't even hurt; just feel the prick. Hopefully after I'm cleared I can get the cataract removed

7. The highlight of the week was sunshine and temperatures in the 40's today. 8. I hate winter ❄️ and snow ❄️ and wind chills.

9. I'm most like my mom, only worse- — -more impatient and a quicker temper.

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2. Getting the Covid vaccine has been pretty easy here in Reno, NV. We belong to an HMO for seniors and made our appointments online. Our HMO has drive-through vaccination sites in their parking lot. Although the lines of cars are long, things move along smoothly and quite fast because the whole thing is organized. We get our second Pfizer vaccine tomorrow - Wednesday

8. There's blame to go around for what Texans have endured after this latest winter storm. I think their utility companies could learn a few things from states like WI and ND that know how to winterize. My son and daughter-in-law live in Houston. They were luckier than some residents. Their power came on sooner, and their landlord was able to get the water working again by doing the work himself. Plumbers are overwhelmed.